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1. IN ADDITION TO STATEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY DURING HIS NOVEMBER 15 PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH WERE TRANSMITTED IN WIRELESS FILE, YOU ARE AUTHORIZED TO DRAW ON FOLLOWING IN BRIEFING SYG LUNS AND PERM REPS ON MOST RECENT MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS.

2. QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH THE GOVERNMENTS OF ISRAEL AND SYRIA OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS AND, IN RESPONSE TO REPORTS OF INCREASED MILITARY READINESS, HAS URGED RESTRAINT ON BOTH SIDES. WE UNDERSTAND FROM OUR EXCHANGES THAT BOTH SIDES INTEND TO CONTINUE OBSERVING THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, EACH SIDE IS IN A HIGH STATE OF READINESS, AND MILITARY ACTION AT SOME POINT CANNOT BE RULED OUT. HOWEVER, WE INTEND TO CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO MOVE FORWARD IN THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, AND WE BELIEVE
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THAT THE GOVERNMENTS POTENTIALLY INVOLVED IN THOSE

NEGOTIATIONS HAVE AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN NOT UNDERMINING
THE CHANCES FOR FURTHER PROGRESS. UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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